Rogers (AL)

The yeas and nays were ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 209, nays 169, answered "present" 2, not voting 53. as follows:

[Roll No. 652] YEAS-209 Gowdy Abraham Mullin Aderholt Granger Murphy (FL) Allen Griffith Nadler Napolitano Amodei Guthrie Arrington Hanabusa Newhouse Handel Bacon Noem Banks (IN) Harper Norman Barletta Harris Nunes Hartzler O'Rourke Bilirakis Heck Olson Bishop (UT) Hensarling Palmer Higgins (LA) Black Panetta Blumenauer Hollingsworth Perlmutter Huffman Bonamici Polis Brady (TX) Hultgren Reichert Brat Hunter Roby Roe (TN) Brooks (AL) Hurd Brooks (IN) Jeffries Rogers (KY) Johnson (GA) Brown (MD) Rooney, Francis Buchanan Johnson (LA) Rooney, Thomas Bucshon Johnson, E. B. J. Bustos Johnson, Sam Rosen Byrne Kaptur Roskam Calvert Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) Carter (TX) Rothfus Royce (CA) Cartwright Kildee Ruppersberger Castro (TX) King (IA) Rush Chabot King (NY) Russell Chu, Judy Krishnamoorthi Rutherford Cicilline Kuster (NH) Clay Kustoff (TN) Sanford Cleaver LaMalfa Scalise Schiff Cole Lamborn Collins (NY) Langevin Schneider Comer Larsen (WA) Schweikert Comstock Larson (CT) Scott (VA) Cook Latta Scott, David Cooper Lawrence Sensenbrenner Lawson (FL) Courtney Sessions Culberson Lewis (MN) Shea-Porter Cummings Lipinski Sherman Curtis Lofgren Shimkus Davidson Long Shuster Davis, Danny Loudermilk Simpson DeGette Love Smith (NE) DeLauro Lowenthal Smith (NJ) DelBene Lowey Smith (TX) Demings Lucas Smith (WA) Luetkemeyer Speier Deutch Lujan Grisham, Stefanik M. Doggett Stewart Luján, Ben Ray Donovan Thornberry Duncan (SC) Maloney, Carolyn B. Titus Duncan (TN) Torres Marino Dunn Trott Ellison Massie Tsongas Matsui Emmer Walden Engel McCarthy Walker Eshoo McCaul Walorski Estes (KS) McClintock Walz Evans McCollum Farenthold Wasserman McEachin Schultz McHenry Ferguson Waters, Maxine Fleischmann McMorris Welch Rodgers Foster Franks (AZ) McNerney Wenstrup Westerman Frelinghuysen Meadows Williams Meng Gabbard Wilson (SC) Garrett Gianforte Moolenaar Womack Mooney (WV) Yarmuth Goodlatte Gosar Moulton Young (IA)

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So the Journal was approved. The result of the vote was announced

as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, due to my attendance of a close friend's funeral. I will miss the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 650, "yea" on rollcall No. 651, and "yea" on rollcall No. 652.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 650, "yea" on rollcall No. 651, and "nay" on rollcall No. 652.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, DE-CEMBER 1, 2017, TO MONDAY, DE-CEMBER 4, 2017

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 6 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING PERKASIE'S 108TH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday evening, Santa Claus will arrive in the Borough of Perkasie atop a borough electric truck to light the town's Christmas tree and, in doing so, continue a tradition over 100 years old.

Since 1909, residents of this small borough in upper Bucks County have gathered together to participate in the community tree lighting ceremony recognized as the oldest tree lighting in the Nation. While a lot has changed over the generations, community leaders, elected officials, and local residents have kept this annual event's unique, small-town charm and enshrined it as a timeless Christmas ritual.

Now in its 108th year, this official start to the holiday season continues to serve not only as a source of pride for the people of Perkasie, but also an example of what makes the communities across my district special and an honor to represent.

I am proud to recognize Perkasie's 108th community Christmas tree lighting and join in the celebration of this enduring holiday tradition.

THE GOP TAX PLAN

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, the GOP tax plan is more than a bad deal for most working class and middle class Americans. It is a tax scam.

Many families that will be hit the hardest by this tax plan are New Yorkers. It will cost New Yorkers a total of \$17 billion, and they are my constituents. Repealing the State and local tax deduction, also known as SALT, is an assault on my constituents.

My district will have the highest tax increases in the Nation without SALT. Mr. Speaker, repealing SALT means that 760,000 New Yorkers residing across the State will have their taxes increased.

This is a bad deal for them and all Americans. This will mean an average of almost \$5,000 for middle class families. Investing in education, firefighters, police services, and many other essential services keep our cities running. They are not an option. City services are not a luxury, and we should not be punishing taxpayers who pay for them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this tax scam and negotiate a better deal.

WATER IS LIFE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when the sun barely peeks over the sky, millions of women and children across the developing world wake up and make their daily, dangerous walk in search of the necessity of life: water.

They walk for miles in water-scarce regions to a well or polluted river for water. During these long walks, they are often put at risk of sexual abuse and assault. Also, bad guys control the wells and abuse women in return for the sometimes polluted water.

The time-consuming search for water results in rape, pregnancy, child kidnapping, and high educational dropout rates. Access to water, sanitation, and hygiene prevents disease. It also improves the safety and security of women and children across the entire world.

It is encouraging to see our Nation and Congress recognizing water as the global security crisis that it is and the need to build capacity to clean water. With our God-given resources, we have it within our power and our duty to help others access clean water—the key to life.

And that is just the way it is.

WORLD AIDS DAY

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, today is the 29th World AIDS Day. Let us commemorate those who lost their lives and commit to reducing the 37,000 new HIV infections that occur each year in the United States.

In my hometown of Newark, New Jersey, new HIV cases have been rising among young people under the age of 25. According to experts, the rise in new HIV/AIDS cases among young people in Newark is linked to the opioid crisis.

Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of discussion lately about the opioid crisis, but we forget that it is linked to so many other issues—mental health access, poverty, communicable disease, joblessness, and the list goes on.

Congress can help end the opioid crisis and the HIV/AIDS crisis here in the United States soon. But to do that, we must increase funding for healthcare access, mental health treatment, antipoverty programs, disease control, education, and access to HIV PrEP medication

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL MCDERMOTT of HOMER, NEW YORK

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael McDermott of Homer, New York. Mike is a veteran of the United States Navy, having served from 1964 through 1967, including 13 months of service in Vietnam. When Mike returned home from the Navy and Vietnam, he became active in the Homer community serving as a village trustee for 6 years and mayor for 6 years.

Mike's true passion has been as an advocate for his fellow veterans through his service at the American Legion Post 465 in Homer where he has been a member for over 34 years. During his time with Post 465, Mike has served in many roles, including commander for 13 years. He also served as commander of the Cortland County American Legion.

Mike is also involved in State and national leadership for The American Legion. He serves on the National Security Council for The American Legion and with the National and New York American Legion Press Associations.

Most importantly, Mike continuously gives back to Cortland County's and Homer's veterans, hosting a veterans service fair and supporting veterans' causes throughout the village and county each and every year.

We are grateful to compassionate citizens like Michael McDermott throughout our communities, and we are grateful for their service and dedication to our Nation's veterans. Thank you to Michael McDermott from a giving and warm community. We appreciate his service.

WORLD AIDS DAY

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate World AIDS Day. The theme this year is Increasing Impact Through Transparency, Accountability, and Partnerships.

First, I would like to thank Leader PELOSI for her steadfast commitment to fighting HIV and AIDS and for guaranteeing strong United States leadership in this area.

As the cofounder and co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus with my good friend, Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, we have seen significant progress that we have made in the global fight against HIV.

Year after year, Congress has come together in a bipartisan way to stop the spread of this disease. From PEPFAR and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria—which I was very proud to help write—to the Ryan White CARE Act and the Minority AIDS Initiative, the United States has been a global leader in committing the critical resources needed to end this disease both here at home and abroad.

Partly due to our efforts, over 20 million people around the world have ac-

cess to lifesaving antiretroviral treatment. Twenty million people getting lifesaving medicine is more than the population of the State of New York. So in memory of those who died much too soon, let's recommit ourselves to ending AIDS by 2030 and realizing an AIDS-free generation.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY

(Mr. DONOVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 70th anniversary of the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, also known as NUSTL.

Located in New York City, NUSTL has been a critical asset in protecting our homeland since 1947. It began as a lab to measure radioactive fallout. Now as part of the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate, it has been transformed into a one-of-a-kind testing and evaluation laboratory for the first responder community.

I have had the opportunity to visit NUSTL and saw firsthand the impressive work being done on a daily basis. It is constantly developing and testing new tools that ensure the brave women and men on our front lines can protect our homeland, and it is critical they have the resources needed to continue their innovative work.

I thank the dedicated women and men of NUSTL for their services. Congratulations on this important anniversary. I look forward to continuing to celebrate your remarkable accomplishments for years to come.

OPPOSE SENATE TAX BILL

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the Senate's version of the tax reform bill because this bill will hurt the central coast in California.

By fully repealing the State and local tax deduction, 177,000 households in my district that deduct an average of \$23,000 each year will be hurt.

By repealing the student loan interest deduction, low- and middle-income students in my district will find college further out of reach and will be hurt.

By allowing individual tax cuts to expire on people earning less than \$75,000, over 140,000 households in my district will see their taxes go up and they will be hurt.

Now, with confirmation that the tax cuts will not pay for themselves but will add over \$1 trillion to our debt, this tax reform bill will be a tax burden bill not only for my constituents in my district, but for all of our constituents in our Nation. Worse, this bill will hurt